

**Illinois Early Learning Council**  
**Family and Community Engagement**  
**All Families Served Subcommittee**

**November 20, 2014 • 10am – 12pm**

**Minutes**

- Attendance: Leah Pouw, Carie Bires, Dawn Thomas, TeeNeka Jones, Bernard Cesarone, Renee Tetrick, Saleem Hue Penny, Scott Kibler, Cassie Brooks, Andi Irawan, Angela Bailey, Tracy Occomy, Beth Berendsen, Donna Emmons, Vicki Hodges, Madelyn James, Jay Young, Paula Corrigan-Halpern, Elisa Westapher, Nubia Rodriguez, Carmen Garcia, Sasha Robey, Cindy Zumwalt,
- Approved minutes from the 9/16/2014 AFS Subcommittee meeting
- Recap of 10/3/2014 FCE meeting
  - 5 strategic goals for the committee direction were reviewed
    - These goals were compiled into a work plan (that was brought for discussion and feedback to this AFS meeting)
    - The timeline is still being nailed down
    - The work plan will be sent out to subcommittee members to solicit feedback and comments, and is to be returned by 12/10/2014
    - Objective 1: improve data collection on priority populations
      - From the IZ work, it was mentioned that local, ground level knowledge is invaluable in pointing to the kinds of data that need to be collected
        - Additionally, it is difficult to parcel out data by each specific priority population
        - Program data (relatively easier to gather) was contrasted with universe data (more complicated to compile)
      - For the future of this objective, continuing work will potentially aim to build off of what has already been accomplished
    - Objective 2: develop a model approach to prioritization of priority populations for enrollment across all Illinois early care and education programs
      - This has more been thought of as a conceptual exercise. Namely, what best practices are known and could be recommended for getting the highest need kids into programs?
      - The shift that is needed is to elevate the user experience of these systems. Sometimes a policy change is what is needed, but other times it's an attitudinal change on the part of providers to get here.
    - Objective 3: increase capacity of AFS membership to develop policy and practice recommendations in regard to the priority populations
      - In accordance with this goal, individual subcommittee members are invited to present to the group areas of their own expertise or work
    - Objective 4: recommend policy and/or practice changes to improve services to priority populations
      - When making policy recommendations, it comes with the territory to know the policy context, the history, etc.

- It has been considered to form an ad hoc committee to deep dive into several priority populations
  - The relationship between the IZ's and the AFS subcommittee was discussed. While the IZ's provide ground level understanding of where systems are working and where they're not, the AFS subcommittee can function as a major channel for disseminating findings
  - Policy recommendations must be based on state and national research and not simply anecdotes
- IECAM presentation
  - The url for Dawn Thomas and Bernard Camarone's presentation is [iecam.illinois.edu/afs](http://iecam.illinois.edu/afs)
  - Some time was sent reviewing the baseline data for the IZ's (a full report is forthcoming)
- BBSF report
  - A next step being taken is for the SIA committee to develop an action plan in response to the report's recommendations
  - A task for the AFS subcommittee is to offer the SIA committee feedback and suggestions after reviewing the report
- Project Link update
  - Project Link entailed examining 350 child welfare cases across three South Side of Chicago neighborhoods
  - In order to make the research more accessible, a series of issue briefs is planning to be released based upon the findings
- An update was given on the CCDBG reauthorization
- Next steps
  - The next FCE committee meeting will take place 1/7/2015 from 11am – 1pm
  - The next AFS subcommittee meeting will take place 2/3/2014 from 10am – 12pm